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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: COTONOU-GAO SHIPMENTS

REFS: (A) COTONOU 976 (B) NIAMEY 2019 (C) ROME 9686 (D)

COTONOU 866 (E) NIAMEY 2166 (F) COTONOU 863 (G) STATE

127703 (H) NIAMEY 2633

1; AID/W NOTES OCDN REFUSAL ALLOW TRUCKS LOAD U.S. SORGHUM  
IN COTONOU AS LONG AS NIGER MERCHANDISE AWAITING TRUCK  
TRANSPORT FROM PARAKOU (PARA 6 REF A).

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2. PREVIOUS MESSAGE (REF B) INDICATED THAT ALI SAIBOU HAD

STATED HE WILLING TO GIVE PRIORITY TO DIRECT PORT TRUCK SHIPMENTS OF GAO GRAINS AS GON EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT VI REGION REFUGEE SITUATION. HIS SUGGESTIONS TO EXPEDITE THIS SHIPMENT AND IMPROVE GENERAL PORT SITUATION HAVE BEEN AGREED TO AND PROVIDED FOR, I.E., INCREASED RATE FOR TRANSPORT OF FOOD AID AND FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF PARAKOU-MALANVILLE ROAD (REFS C AND G). REF (E) INDICATED THAT SAIBOU ALSO INTENDED TO INSTRUCT OPVN CONTRACTED TRUCKS TO PROCEED PARAKOU TO RELIEVE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REF (H), AID/W HAS DIRECTED THAT MARYMAR BE DIVERTED TO ABIDJAN (SUBJECT BAMAKO

CONCURREN(E) THUS RELIEVING POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON COTONOU PORT SITUATION

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, GIVEN OCDN POSITION DESCRIBED PARA 6 REF (A), AID/W CONCERNED THAT POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNICATION GAP EXISTS BETWEEN OCDN AND GON OFFICIALS IN NIAMEY. NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS AID/W SUGGESTION THAT FURTHER USG APPEAL FOR GON SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT NECESSARY, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR RDO/NIAMEY TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES WITH ALI SAIBOU TO VERIFY IF OCDN POSITION ACCURATELY REFLECTS PRESENT GON ATTITUDE.

5. FOR COTONOU: SER/COM/TR WILL CHECK ON ISSUE OF EMPTY SACKS PER PARA 4 REF (A) AND ADVISE SEPTEL.

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